



Dennis Goniwicha

August 9, 1939 - May 30, 2023

Dennis Raymond Goniwicha, 83, of Owendale, returned home to our heavenly father on May 30, 2023.

Dennis was born August 9, 1939 to the late Sylvester and Helen Goniwicha in Marysville. He was raised on the family farm in Rapson, attended Eccles Country School and Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic School, and worked several agricultural jobs before enlisting in the United States Army. He served in the 2nd Armored Division from 1960-1962, having been deployed to Augsburg, Germany.

Upon his return home from the military, while visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Dennis met the love of his life, Grace Denton. They were united in marriage on November 30, 1963 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rapson. She preceded him in death on August 12, 2020.

Dennis was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and a longtime parishioner of Good Shepherd Parish, St. Columbkille Church. He loved spending time outdoors with his children and grandchildren; fishing, hunting, or gardening.

Dennis is survived by his brothers, Richard Goniwicha, Joseph (Mary) Goniwicha, and Allen Gunn; sister Sherry (Bob) Swartz; son, Derek

Goniwicha; daughters Sheila Errer and Dana (Ronnie) Irion; son-in-law Troy Smith; grandchildren, Scott (Crystal Blackstock) Langley, Michael (Krystal) Smith, Ashley (Zachary) Fritz, Brandon Errer, Devin Irion, Kendal Irion, Ryan Irion, and Alexis Phillips-Goniwicha; and many great grandchildren; all whom he loved dearly.

Dennis was preceded in death by his brother Ronald Goniwicha; sister Phyllis Talaski; and his daughter Tina Smith.

In respecting Denny's wishes, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to a children's charity of your choosing (St. Jude's Children's Hospital was Denny & Grace's preferred) or the family discretionary fund. The family would also like to extend their sincerest gratitude to the staff of Fiddler's Green and Promedica Hospice for all of the care and help they rendered to Dennis these last few years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 3:00 PM at Good Sheperd Parish – St. Columbkille Catholic Church of Sheridan Corners. Visitation will be held on Friday from 1:00 PM until the service time at 3:00 PM at the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepard Parish - St. Columbkille Catholic Church
3031 McAlpin Rd.
Ubly, MI 48475

Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dennis Goniwicha.*



June 02, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ *Dana we send our sympathy to you and your family. Hugs, love and prayers.*

Bill and Sandie Renn - June 01, 2023 at 05:27 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. He was one of the friendliest man I have encountered. Always had a smile, and a story to tell. I'm sure he will be missed by all. But hopefully just knowing he and Miss Grace are together again will give you comfort.*

Cindy - June 01, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Denny was a good man, back in the late 70s and early 80s I worked for him at Derek tool company in Caseville. He taught me trade I have used all of my life. Rest in peace.*

David Bouck - May 31, 2023 at 09:10 PM

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“ There are so many memories with uncle Denny I don't even know where to begin-from playing with the pet raccoon and running in his garden. He was always messing up my hair and smiling. Him playing cards at my house with my parents and grandparents. He was definitely the favorite uncle. He will be so missed but I'm sure he's happy to be with aunt grace watching his family from above. My sincerest condolences to everyone

Becky Green - May 31, 2023 at 08:58 PM